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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Opening of the Conference

The Conference will be opened by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative on 13 April 1993.

Item 3: Adoption of the rules of procedure

The provisional rules of procedure, prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat, are contained in TD/TIMBER.2/2.

Item 4: Election of officers

Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the Conference shall elect a President and two Vice-Presidents. It is proposed that the Vice-Presidents should be elected, one from among the representatives of consumers, and one from among the representatives of producers.

Item 5: Credentials of representatives

Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the credentials of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the Conference.

Rule 4 provides that a Credentials Committee, consisting of five members appointed by the Conference on the proposal of the President, shall examine the credentials of representatives.

Item 6: Admission of observers

Observers will be admitted to the Conference in accordance with rules 52 and 53 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Item 7: Establishment of committees and working parties as required

Rule 47 provides that the Conference may establish such committees, sub-committees and working parties as may be necessary for the work of the Conference. It is proposed in this connection that the Conference should establish an Executive Committee of the whole, chaired by the President of the Conference, and supported by the two Vice-Presidents, to deal with items 8 and 9 of the provisional agenda in closed session. It is further proposed that the

Executive Committee of the whole should in turn establish an Economic and Technical Committee to deal with proposals on the preamble, objectives, definitions and operations, as well as a Financial and Administrative Committee to deal with proposals on finance, permanent committees of the Organization, relationships with other organizations, statistics, disputes and final provisions. These committees would be empowered to set up such subcommittees or working parties as they deem necessary. The Executive Committee of the whole will make appropriate arrangements to scrutinize and approve the text of the successor agreement.

Item 8: Preparation of a successor agreement to the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1983

The Conference will have before it the working document (TD/TIMBER.2/R.1) prepared by the Preparatory Committee of the International Tropical Timber Council containing proposals for a successor agreement to the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1983. A comparative tabulation prepared by the secretariat of the International Tropical Timber Organization setting out the text of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1983 and the proposals submitted by the producers and the consumers will be available to the Conference in TD/TIMBER.2/R.2. A note on the background to, and the status and operation of, the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1983 as well as recent developments of relevance to the negotiation of a sucessor agreement, has been prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat in cooperation with the secretariat of the International Tropical Timber Organization and will be available to the Conference in TD/TIMBER.2/3.